

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 16, 1879.

FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Legislative Appropriation Bill in the Senate.

Mr. Thurman Defends the Democracy—A Renewal of the Promises of 1860—The Werner Silver Bill—Motion to Lay on the Table Lost—Misunderstanding Compromised—No Final Action.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, MAY 15.

Mr. COOKHORN introduced a joint resolution authorizing and requesting the President of the United States to open correspondence with the Republic of France with a view and for the purpose of negotiating a proper treaty of reciprocity and commerce with that government on terms alike honorable and just. Three commissioners are to be appointed on behalf of the United States preliminary to the making of such treaty, their compensation to be fixed by the Secretary of State, referred to the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill.

Mr. Beck explained the provisions of the bill as it had been amended, stating that the increase by the Senate was \$34,000, making the entire sum \$15,120,000, and that the amount appropriated for premiums and 27,000 for the Interior Department additional to the appropriations in the bill for these purposes. He suggested that returns should be made to the Senate by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. One hundred thousand dollars were also voted.

Mr. Beck in the course of his remarks alluded to the remarks of Mr. Conkling on a former occasion with regard to the amount of taxes and duties levied by the government on imports and exports, and the amount paid by those which did. Mr. Beck said that Kentucky paid nine million dollars of internal revenue.

Mr. Conkling, replying for the Senator from Kentucky, thought that he had made a fair statement as to the amount Kentucky paid.

Mr. Beck thought he had and then asked the Senator if he had any objection to Mr. Conkling's argument.

Circuit Court—Justice MacArthur—McDonnell vs. Brown & Frieberg, judgment below affirmed. Solomon vs. White; motion to quash certiorari overruled. Levy vs. Cohen; verdict for plaintiff dismissed at plaintiff's cost. Leonard vs. Tolbert; verdict for plaintiff for \$75 and costs. May vs. Jacobs; death of plaintiff; case continued. Swartzell vs. Danner; vs. Howell; verdict for plaintiff in its original. For further information apply at ticket offices at depot, corner New Jersey Avenue and Street, or at main post office of Sixth street, Washington, and Washington and Georgetown.

Mr. Beck said that Kentucky was on trial. The tax was paid by consumers elsewhere, because no one could suppose, however, that the Democratic majority in the Senate was, that the consumption was all. [Laughter.]

Mr. WINDOM rose to present his objection. He said that he came from Mississippi and in his recent speech stated that he (Mr. Hampton) had put into the Democratic national platform of 1868 a plank declaring that the reconstruction acts of Congress were unconstitutional, revolutionary, and void. Mr. Hampton said he had time and again denied that he had, and had proved that he did not, in the Ku-Klux investigating committee. He was satisfied the Senator did not intend to do him injustice.

Mr. WINDOM said he did not, but during the early part of the session he proposed to be the spokesman of the Senator, in which he said that what he was doing in the platform. I wanted nothing else, for when the great Democratic party had pledged themselves to the plank, it was only right that they should stand by it. [Applause.]

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